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EXCERPTS OF THE LECTURE ON "GREATER ASIA DOCTRINE"  
WHICH WAS GIVEN AT NAGOYA IN MAY 1938

We have from now on to make up our minds in such a manner as to ask China to reconsider all matters which would require her self-examination and at the same time to help and support her politically and economically in order that her people may be able to reconstruct China. It will be of no use even if our people should succeed in occupying Chinese territories only by chastizing her. It is my firm belief that it is indeed wrong for us to go by the principle that it is quite enough if Japan alone should be benefited politically and economically. We have been in the habit of saying that Westerners have brought pressure to bear upon us Orientals and have thus exploited Orient. I should like to blame any persons particularly in your presence if there were some who would like to have China present something to Japan in consideration of the great works which Japan during the past half a century and moreover in compensation for the big losses which have been inflicted upon Japan during this Incident.

At the time of the outbreak of the Manchurian Incident. Japan sacrificed herself considerably both spiritually and materially. The consensus of opinion of Japan at that time

was that it was quite natural for Japan to be remunerated for her great losses of that kind. There were some such persons as were of the opinion that Japan should obtain some rights and interests in Manchuria. I, for example, had the views which were diametrically opposite to the above ideas. Namely, the establishment of the Manchoukuo--that was realized by Japan only for her object of saving 30 million people based upon the spirit which was called "Imperial Way", I expressed my views at that time that Manchuria must be saved by us at the expense of ourselves. Since that time, generally speaking, Manchoukuo has fortunately come to realize her healthy development like to-day although it cannot be considered that she has completed her establishment. I think we came to learn for the first time how important a role the Manchoukuo establishment would play in the future situation in East Asia, immediately after seeing the present occurrence of the Sino-Japanese Incident of great significance. I trust that there are not many Japanese who are of the opinion that only profits must be reaped by us from Manchuria. The losses on the Japanese side which were connected with the China Incident were of more important nature than those which Manchurian Incident. These losses, however, were inflicted upon us quite as a matter of course in consequence of our efforts for realizing our great ideal. Our country will permanently prosper if we endure these

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huge losses and try to develop to the utmost the real spirit of our Imperial Way. If we do not give attention to this matter, time will come at no distant date when China will be none the better than now even if Japan occupies the Chinese territories and captures all provinces in the South and North of China only by means of fighting.

Such is the real spirit of our Greater Asia Association. If I put this spirit in a word, the principle of this Association is what we call the Spirit of the Imperial Way. That is the spirit of rendering service to the State and the world of action at the expense of ourselves, or the spirit of contributing to the country and the world of action at the sacrifice of ourselves. This is none other than the spirit of our Imperial Way. This spirit alone in what we consider the Greater Asia Spirit. It is my strong belief that the object of this sacred war can be attained only by this Greater Asia Spirit. (Applause)

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I hereby certify that the book hereto attached, written in Japanese, consisting of 42 pages, entitled "On Greater Asia Doctrine" and inserted in the Collection of Lectures No. 1 of Nagoya Branch, Greater Asia Association, is a book which summarized the gist of my lecture at the Public Hall of Nagoya City on 30, May, 1938 and which was published in the name of the said branch.

Certified at Tokyo,  
on this 3 day of April, 1947

/S/ MATSUI, Iwane (seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the Witness.

At the same place,  
on the same date

Witness: /S/ ITO, Kiyoshi



昭和十三年五月 名古屋

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れに對して全然反對の意見を有してをったのであります。即ち滿洲國の建  
 設——これとせば我々日本が所謂皇道の精神に依つて三千萬民衆を救はん  
 がために立つたのであります。須らく我々は自己を犠牲にして滿洲を救は  
 なければならぬといつた、其後幸ひにして滿洲國は固より十分なる形にな  
 ったとは考へませんけれども、大體に於いて健全なる發達を遂げて今日に  
 到つてをります。今日日支變遷の重大なる場面に遭遇して、我々は滿洲國  
 の存立といふことか此東亞の大勢の上に如何に重要なる役目を持つてをる  
 かといふことを始めて知つたんじゃないかと思ふのであります。今や日本  
 人中、滿洲國に對して只に利慾的な考へ方を持つてをられる方は多くはな  
 いと思ひますが、今日の支那の變遷に對しても同様であります。此支那に  
 對する日本の犠牲の發想は兩洲變遷當時よりも更に大に緊要なるものがあ  
 ります。併しこれは此偉大なる進路に伴ふ當然の結果としての大なる犠牲  
 であります。此大なる犠牲を我々が忍び、茲に我々が皇道精神を飽迄發揮  
 することに依つて我々日本は永遠に發展するのであります。これを心しな  
 ければ唯いつて假りに武力に依つて支那の領土を占領し、支那南北の地方  
 を日本の手に入れたとしても、それは還からずして自然に又還元する時機  
 が来るものと思ふのであります。

斯やうな考へ方が私共の大細亞協定の精神であります。これを一言にし

て申さずして、大正細直協会の主観、精神が、ものに所謂皇道精神である  
ります。已れを離うして、永元、其の率ずる心、已れを犠牲にして、國家社會  
に貢献する精神。これ、固う我が皇道精神である。此精神こそ、私共  
が擧げて、以て大正細直協定と致してゐる。此大正細直協定の  
精神に依つて、此協定の目的を達成し得ると我々は確信してゐるま  
す。

(拍手) 了

